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TELOMERASE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the final Office Action on the merits, dated November 23, 2005, for which a response is due February 23, 2006. This Amendment is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114, which includes a request for a one month time extension. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Careful consideration has been given to the analysis made by the Examiner in the Office Action. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.